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1. Between 2 and 3 p.m. on 29 June 1951, 16 twin-jet bombers were counted south and west of the hangars at Oranienburg airfield. The aircraft differed from conventional planes by their silver sheen. Five jet bombers without plexiglass noses took off on the runway toward the south. They made flights of about 10 minutes and then landed on the N-S runway. The planes used about 1,300 to 1,400 meters of the runway for the take-offs and landings.

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2. On 10 July, streamline-shaped containers without any apertures or slots were seen on the wing tips of some jet bombers which took off from the field. The containers projected beyond the leading and trailing edges of the wings. No changes were observed on the jet bombers when compared with previous observations.

3. On 11 July, individual jet bombers took off from the field at intervals of about 20 to 30 minutes. The weather was hazy. None of the planes had auxiliary tanks.

to 12 minutes. The landing gear was usually not retracted during flights. The aircraft with metal noses were faster and retracted their landing gears immediately after the take-off. They climbed at a higher rate. One of the planes with a metal nose had no gray belly turret and no tail weapons. Another plane with a belly turret was equipped with tail guns in a transition piece in between which gave an impression that a bombsight was fitted in the plexiglass nose.

4. Source furnished the following additional information on the twin jet aircraft:

a. A small dark object which seemed to interconnect the two weapons was fitted between the tail guns. Previously it was only observed that the guns pointed upward so that it could not be determined whether the transition piece moved together with the weapons.

b. Each jet bomber had a rod fitted in line with the nose wheel. The rod

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